

VETERANS

Filner seeks to clarify rules for veterans' care

WHAT'S UP: In an effort to ensure that combat veterans are not inadvertently denied eligibility to medical services, Rep. Bob Filner, D-Calif., is sponsoring legislation to clarify that special rules for veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom — allowing no-questions-asked coverage for up to five years after separation — also apply to veterans of Operation New Dawn, which was the new name given to the Iraq operation in September.

WHAT'S NEXT: Adding Operation New Dawn to the law may not be necessary because the law includes dates of service in a combat zone that should cover those veterans. But Filner, the former chairman **Filner** and now ranking minority party member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, says he is trying to make sure that everyone is covered, and that everyone who served in Operation New Dawn knows of the coverage.

